

REMARKS

Nothing in the cited reference distinguishes between commands for immediate action and other requests in the storage of information in structural history that is used to derive context and meaning.

The benefit of the claimed invention is given in the short example on page 14 of the specification:

1. "When is X-Files on",
2. "Turn on the TV",
3. "Record it".


With a system that resets the structural history on each ensuing request, the above sequence could not be deciphered. That is because the second request "Turn on the TV," would erase the stored structural history of the phrase X-Files so that when the third request asks that the item be recorded, the speech recognizer would have no way to know what to record because X-Files has now been deleted from the structural history.

In accordance with the claimed invention, the second request "Turn on the TV," is recognized as an immediate command and, therefore, the stored structural history, namely, X-Files, from the previous request, is maintained and used to interpret the ensuing request recorded.

Nothing like this is set forth in the cited reference and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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